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C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 6973

FOR AMBASSADOR ATHERTON

DEPARTMENT FOR S/S WISNER AND NEA

USUN FOR SAUNDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L, JR)
SUBJECT: CAMP DAVID FOLLOW-UP: ATHERTON TRIP
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REF: ALGIERS 2758

1. I AM AWAITING CALL FROM TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
WITH REVISED SCHEDULE FOR ATHERTON VISIT. IN VIEW
OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN ALGIERS REFTTEL, I WOULD
LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO TIE DOWN AMBASSADOR

ATHERTON'S SCHEDULE IN TUNIS AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE. I HAVE ALREADY INFORMED GOT THAT ATHERTON WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA 11:30 AM, OCTOBER 2, BUT REGRETFULLY WAS OBLIGED TO FOREGO LUNCHEON WITH PRIME MINISTER. I SUSPECT TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL PROPOSE DINNER IN ATHERTON'S HONOR EVENING OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1. IN THAT EVENT, IT UNCLEAR THAT NOUIRA WOULD BE HOST, SINCE WE NOW UNDERSTAND HE HAS LONGSTANDING PLANS TO TOUR BIZERTE PROVINCE OVER WEEKEND. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE GO BACK TO MONDAY LUNCHEON, BOTH BECAUSE THIS WOULD PROVIDE BETTER OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER RELAXED CONVERSATIONS, AND BECAUSE SOCIAL EVENT FOLLOWING NOUIRA/ATHERTON MEETING WOULD SEEM TO BE BOTH MORE LOGICAL AND MORE FRUITFUL. IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE NIACT IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION THAT 11:30 MEETING WITH NOUIRA FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON, AS PROPOSED TUNIS 6905, NOW POSSIBLE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIRM UP SCHEDULE THIS EVENING. I WOULD THEN PROPOSE TO DISCOURAGE OFFICIAL GOT SUNDAY EVENING DINER IN FAVOR OF QUIET IN-HOUSE SUPPER. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. IN ANY CASE, I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CALL ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER 0900 TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 29, ON UNSPECIFIED SUBJECT, AND THIS WOULD BE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKING OUT FINAL DETAILS.
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3. ONE OF MORE URGENT CONCERNS OF GOT AT THIS POINT IS FIRM ARRIVAL TIME FOR ATHERTON ON OCTOBER 1 SO THAT SUNDAY ARRIVAL AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE PLANNED WITH ALL NECESSARY CARE. HOWEVER, PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT GOT FULLY UNDERSTANDS COMPLICATIONS INVOLVED IN ATHERTON TRIP AND WILL IN ANY CASE DO ITS VERY BEST ON SHORT NOTICE.
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